

Page 18, the paragraph appearing at lines 13 to 18, please replace with the following:

93 In the plasma display panel of Fig. 3A and Fig. 3B, shield layers 11 are formed between the adjacent display electrode pairs, running in parallel to the display electrodes. In this, the phosphor in the display regions emits light, while the display regions are shielded from light that leaks from the non-display regions. Therefore, the PDP could produce sharp images.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A plasma display panel comprising;  
a front plate and a back plate parallel to and facing each other having a space therebetween for a discharge gas,  
plural pairs of display electrodes for surface discharge on the front plate parallel to each other, with each display electrode pair comprising a sustain electrode and a bus electrode,  
a dielectric layer covering the display electrodes, and a protective film overlying the dielectric layer,

address electrodes on the back plate at right angles to the display electrode pairs, and a dielectric layer covering the address electrodes, and

linear ribs located between the address electrodes, with phosphor layers located between the adjacent linear ribs so that they each extend intermittently in the lengthwise direction of the ribs for each pixel,

wherein each phosphor layer covers both the surface of the dielectric layer and the surface of the linear ribs within each pixel.

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3. (Amended) A plasma display panel comprising;  
a front plate and a back plate parallel to and facing each other having a space therebetween for a discharge gas,

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plural pairs of display electrodes for surface discharge on the front plate parallel to each other, with each display electrode comprising a sustain electrode and a bus electrode,

a dielectric layer covering the display electrodes, and a protective film overlying the dielectric layer,

address electrodes on the back plate at right angles to the display electrode pairs, and a light-absorbing layer covering the address electrodes, and

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linear ribs located between the address electrodes, with phosphor layers located between the adjacent linear ribs so that they each extend intermittently in the lengthwise direction of the ribs for each pixel,

wherein each phosphor layer covers both the surface of the dielectric layer and the surface of the linear ribs within each pixel.

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5. (Amended) A plasma display panel comprising;  
a front plate and a back plate parallel to and facing each other having a space therebetween for a discharge gas,

plural pairs of display electrodes for surface discharge on the front plate parallel to each other, with each display electrode comprising a transparent sustain electrode and a non-transparent metal bus electrode,

a translucent dielectric layer covering the display electrodes, and a magnesium oxide-containing, translucent protective film overlying the dielectric layer,

address electrodes on the back plate at right angles to the display electrode pairs, and a dark dielectric layer covering the address electrodes,

linear ribs located between the address electrodes, and phosphor layers as so provided between the adjacent linear ribs so

that a red-emitting phosphor layer, a blue-emitting phosphor layer and a green-emitting phosphor layer adjacent each other with a rib therebetween and these three different phosphor layers each extend intermittently in the lengthwise direction of the ribs,

wherein each phosphor layer covers both the surface of the dielectric layer and the surface of the linear ribs.

7. (Amended) A back plate for plasma display panels, which comprises;

a plurality of linear address electrodes on a glass substrate, a dark dielectric layer covering the address electrodes, and linear ribs between the address electrodes, and

phosphor layers located between the adjacent linear ribs so that a red-emitting phosphor layer, a blue-emitting phosphor layer and a green-emitting phosphor layer are adjacent each other with a rib therebetween and these three different phosphor layers each extend intermittently in the lengthwise direction of the ribs,

wherein each phosphor layer covers both the surface of the dark dielectric layer and the surface of the ribs.

9. (Amended) A plasma display panel comprising;

a front plate and a back plate parallel to and facing each other having a space therebetween for a discharge gas,

plural pairs of display electrodes for surface discharge on the front plate parallel to each other, with each display electrode pair comprising a sustain electrode and a bus electrode,

a dielectric layer covering the display electrodes, and a protective film overlying the dielectric layer,

address electrodes on the back plate at right angles to the display electrode pairs, and a dielectric layer covering the address electrodes, and

linear ribs located between the address electrodes, with a phosphor layer located in each of a plurality of adjacent cell spaces formed by a plurality of adjacent linear ribs, said phosphor layers being intermittently interrupted so that they do not exist in the regions on the back plate which correspond to the region between the adjacent display electrode pairs,

wherein each phosphor layer covers the surface of the dielectric layer and the surface of the linear ribs.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

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